

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

CONFIGURING PROCESSING UNITS

A portable storage device, for example a secure smart card, contains network
5 identification information and configuration information for a processing unit that is
connectable to a data communications network, which processing unit includes a
device reader for reading the portable storage device. The portable storage device
includes storage and an access controller. The storage holds a network identity and
configuration information for the processing unit and at least one encryption key. The
10 access controller is operable to control access to the storage by implementing key-key
encryption. An embodiment of the invention thus provides a medium not only for
storing a network identity and configuration information for processing unit, but also
for other secure information such as an encryption key associated therewith